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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### TAKING A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY BACK TO THE '40S: HOMECOMING 1986

The University of Montana will take a sentimental journey back to the era of swing -- the wild and war-torn 1940s -- during its Oct. 2-5 Homecoming.

UM has chosen the Homecoming theme "Swingtime in the Rockies," the name of a 1940s Benny Goodman hit, in honor of its reunion of graduates from the years 1940-50.

In addition to gatherings planned specifically for those alumni and for members of the reunion classes of 1961 and 1966 (see reunion story), Homecoming will offer a variety of events Thursday-Sunday for all alumni and friends of the University.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, alumni and friends will have the chance to take a bus tour of Missoula and the UM campus. The expedition, which will leave from the front door of the Sheraton, will be led by a guide from the Chamber of Commerce of Missoula who has researched changes the Garden City has seen over the past 46 years.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday will be the traditional lighting of the Oval, singing on the steps of Main Hall, crowning of the Homecoming royalty, and presentation of the 1986

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Distinguished Alumnus Awards and the Pantzer Award.

At 10 a.m. Friday, UM's Mansfield Library Archives will open an exhibit of Missoula-area business and industry records and photos. Included in the collection are materials from local banks, the Missoula Mercantile Co., Worden and Co., the Bonner mill and other segments of the western Montana lumber industry.

Between 10 a.m. and noon Friday, alumni are encouraged to join faculty, staff and students at departmental receptions to acquaint themselves with developments on campus in their areas of academic interest. Further details will be available at registration.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority alumnae will have a reunion dinner at 6 p.m. Friday at the Sheraton. Husbands or guests are welcome.

At 8 p.m. Friday, UM's landmark "M" on Mt. Sentinel will be lit, followed by a pep rally.

Later Friday night, at 9, alumni and friends are invited to a wine and cheese reception at the home of new UM President James Koch, 1325 Gerald Ave. Also at 9 p.m. Friday is a student/alumni dance in the University Center that will feature the band The Max.

Homecoming revelers will have no opportunity to sleep in Saturday morning; a pre-parade no-host breakfast for all UM alumni will get underway at 8 a.m. at the Sheraton. Shortly afterward, at 10 a.m. Saturday, the "Swingtime in the Rockies"



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parade will wend its way from the Burlington Northern depot down Higgins Avenue to University Avenue, ending at Arthur Avenue.

The parade, which has an Oct. 1 deadline for entries, will have four categories: commercial, non-profit, grade- and high-school groups, and UM student groups.

Kickoff time for the clash between the UM Grizzlies and the Eastern Washington University Eagles will be 1 p.m. Saturday. Reserved tickets for the football game are \$9.50. General-admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for UM, high school and grade school students. Tickets are available at the UM Fieldhouse ticket office; (406) 243-4051 or toll-free 1-800-526-3400.

Following the game, the Grizzly Athletic Association and the Alumni Office will co-sponsor a party at the Sheraton. There will be music, snacks and a no-host bar. All UM alumni and friends are invited.

UM fraternities and sororities have big plans for game day, too, including open houses that will run from around 4 to 6 p.m. Spouses or guests of alumni are welcome at the events.

Theta Chi, 510 University Ave., will hold a pre-game tailgate party at noon. Sigma Nu, 1006 Gerald Ave., has scheduled a 9-10:30 a.m. pre-parade breakfast at the fraternity house, a tailgate party from noon till half-time, and a "Burn the Mortgage" cocktail party and banquet beginning at 7 p.m. at the Village Red Lion.

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Sigma Chi, 1110 Gerald Ave., will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a variety of special events. An open house is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at the chapter house, and at 11 a.m. Saturday current members of the fraternity will take on alumni in a football game at the Clover Bowl. After the Grizzly-Eagle football game, Sigma Chi will hold a no-host cocktail party on the third floor of the University Center. Then at 6:30 p.m. there will be an anniversary banquet in the UC for current members, alumni and the spouses or guests of alumni. Saturday's events will wrap up with an 8:30 p.m. open house and cocktail party at the fraternity.

Not to be outdone, Sigma Phi Epsilon will have an open house the night before the game -- from 3 p.m. to midnight at 333 University Ave. The fraternity also plans a pre-game tailgate party at 11:30 a.m. and a post-game barbecue at the house.

With the exception of Sigma Nu, all fraternity tailgate parties will be in the parking lot to the east of the stands at Dornblaser Field. Sigma Nu's party will be behind the scoreboard, in the south parking lot off Higgins Avenue.

Like Sigma Chi, the Pi Chapter of the Delta Gamma sorority will celebrate an anniversary during Homecoming -- its 75th. Delta Gamma alumnae and current members will have cocktails and a banquet beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at the Village Red Lion. From 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, they'll breakfast at their house at 516 University Ave.



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Members of a former campus organization -- a women's cooperative house -- will also be reunited Saturday. Synadelphic alumnae and house mothers will register at 5:30 p.m. and then dine at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton.

Saturday night's schedule will be rounded out with the All-Alumni Dance at the Village Red Lion. At the dance, which will be 10 p.m.-2 a.m., the Don Lawrence Big Band Orchestra will play the tunes of 1940 greats such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Les Brown. Tickets are \$5 a person.

Homecoming will draw to a close with a 9 a.m.-1 p.m. no-host alumni brunch at the Village Red Lion.

For more information, call the UM Alumni Office at (406) 243-5211.

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